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SUBJECT: PRESS SEES SECRETARY DISCUSSING KOREA TREATY
WITH CHOU

1. IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLES NOVEMBER 7 AND 8,
ROK PRESS HAS CARRIED HAPDONG STORY FROM WASHINGTON
PREDICTING THAT SECRETARY AND CHOU EN LAI WILL
DISCUSS A PEACE TREATY BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
KOREA DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING.

2. ARTICLES SAY THAT "WELL QUALIFIED DIPLOMATIC
OBSERVERS" IN WASHINGTON NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY
AND CHOU COULD BE EXPECTED TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES
TO THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH TALKS
IN PEKING WOULD NOT GO BEYOND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
PRESS CITED UNDERSECRETARY PORTER'S OCTOBER 2
COMMENT TO ROK-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL THAT US IS READY
TO SEEK AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ARMISTICE,
A REMARK WHICH HAD ALSO RECEIVED WIDE NOTICE
IN ROK NEWSPAPERS.

3. HAPDONG STORY IS
PROBABLY INEVITABLY SPECULATION GIVEN FACT
OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING. WE ASSUME THE
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